WHO book on Smallpox Eradication role

1876. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether WHO is to bring out a Book on Smallpox Eradication role; and

(b) whether Government propose to bring out a Book listing all the major diseases and showing proper eradication of the same during the current plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) A book entitled "The Eradication of Smallpox from India" was published by WHO in 1979 giving India's role in the eradication. Another book "Smallpox and its eradication" is proposed to be published by WHO in 1988. This book will include detailed information about the smallpox control in all countries including India.

(b) Government of India have already launched eradication and control programmes for a number of diseases. Detailed guidelines have been brought out separately for each disease for the use of health personnel for effective planning, monitoring and supervision of work.

मध्य प्रदेश को आवंटित किये गये रेलवे वैगन

1877. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेलवे मध्य प्रदेश को उसकी कुल वैगनों की आवश्यकता का केवल 27 प्रतिशत वैगन ही आवंटित करती है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार को इस तथ्य की जानकारी है कि रेलवे सम्भागीय अधीक्षक बिलासपुर भी इस आवंटन में से 50 प्रतिशत की कटौती कर देता है ;

(ग) क्या आवंटन में इस प्रकार कटौती से उपभोक्ता वस्तुओं का वास्तविक उत्पादन करने वाली इकाइयों तथा रोजगार इत्यादि पर भी विपरीत प्रभाव पड़ रहा है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Recognition to Gandhiji University, Kottayam

1878. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UGC is considering a proposal to accord recognition to the Gandhiji University, Kottayam; and

(b) if so, by when the recognition is likely to be given; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Gandhiji Unversity, Kottayam has since been declared fit by the University Grants Commission to receive central assistance subject to the condition that any grant for institutional development will be provided only after the Act of the University is amended by the State Government in accordance with the suggestions made by the University Grants Commission and information regarding filling up of the faculty positions as per U.G.C. norms and completion of academic and other buildings is made available by the University to the Commission.

Recognition to two Indian Olympic Association

1879. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether recognition has been given to the two different Indian Olympic Associations by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND

CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): There is only one Indian Olympic Association.

(b) Does not arise.

Effect of MIC gas on children

1880. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 17th February, 1987 under the caption 'Crippling effect of MIC on children' and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to reduce the ill effects of MIC gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. A study entitled 'Psychosocial Competence in Children of MIC Exposed Areas of Bhopal' was sponsored by the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development.

The main conclusions of the study are:—

(i) The children exposed to MIC gas displayed lower level of psychosocial competence and showed more psychiatric problems as compared to their control group counterparts.

(ii) The effects included poor level of cognitive functioning, certain degree of deviance in social skills accompanied by physical ailments and threats to mental health and well-being.

(b) It is proposed to initiate an intervention programme utilizing the ICDS scheme as a nucleus which would aim at the following:—

(i) helping in problem identification and diagnosis,

(ii) providing counselling, guidance and training for parents,

(iii) providing stimulation and psycho-social enrichment for the affected children,

(iv) special orientation courses for Anganwadi Workers in areas like mental and cognitive development, for strengthening the pre-school component, and

(v) supply of 150 ml. milk to each beneficiary in addition to 80 gms. of protein-enriched bread as the nutrition component.

Two additional ICDS projects have been sanctioned increasing the total projects to five, covering 792 Anganwadis in Bhopal, to cater to the special requirements of children in the gas affected areas.

Members of the visitors on the selection Committee of Central Universities

1881. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the persons appointed as members of the visitors on the Selection Committees of the Central Universities for appointment of Professors, Readers and Lecturers, Facility-wise, during the last three years; and

(b) the number out of such nominees who have been serving on these committees for more than three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) List is attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 76].

(b) Four.